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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
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FROM:

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SUBJECT: Office of General Counsel Coordination

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Initiators of regulatory issuances sometimes submit their proposals directly to the DCI or DDA for approval without going through the normal coordination process. If the approving official sees fit to sign such a proposal, this procedure obviously is appropriate. Nevertheless, the important step of coordination with the Office of General Counsel cannot be neglected. [] requires that the General Counsel or his designee review all regulatory proposals for their legality. Naturally, this should be accomplished before approval rather than after. When initiators fail to send their proposals through OGC, it puts the Regulations Control Division in the difficult position of obtaining legal concurrence after the fact. It also means a delay in publication after signature to allow sufficient time for OGC review. If OGC discovers a significant legal problem after signature by the DCI or DDA, there could be an awkward situation indeed. Therefore, please accept this memorandum as a reminder that regardless of any other coordination, there must be OGC concurrence prior to approval for publication. This applies to regulations, handbooks, and notices.

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